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**Office Action Summary**

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

RICHMOND ET AL.

Examiner

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**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE \_\_\_\_\_ MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 July 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 25 July 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)  
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### DETAILED ACTION

1. This is the initial office action based on the application filed on August 25, 2003.

Claims 1-24 are currently pending and have been considered below.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

b) The invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by **Garvey et al. (5774667)**.

Claims 1, 12, 23 and 24: Garvey discloses a method, system and software product of enabling a user to set a value for a plurality of network devices/objects on a communications network, the method comprising acts of:

- a. Providing a user interface (abstract; fig. 3, col. 4, lines 20-40); and
- b. Initiating setting a value of each of the plurality of network objects equal to the first value (abstract; fig. 3, col. 4, lines 20-40).

Claims 2 and 13: Garvey discloses a method, system and software product of enabling a user to set a value for a plurality of network devices/objects as in claims 1, 12, 23 and 24 above and further discloses the steps of:

- a. Setting a plurality of network objects / devices (fig. 3, col. 4, lines 20-40); and
- b. Initiating a transmission message to the network devices for setting Values (fig.1, col. 3, lines 15-35).

Claims 3 and 14: Garvey discloses a method, system and software product of enabling a user to set a value for a plurality of network devices/objects as in claims 1, 12, 23 and 24 above and further discloses and further discloses that the user interface includes a graphical user interface (fig. 2, col. 4, lines 1-3).

Claims 4 and 15: Garvey discloses a method, system and software product of enabling a user to set a value for a plurality of network devices/objects as in claims 1, 12, 23 and 24 above and further discloses the steps of:

- a. Displaying values of network objects on a display (abstract; fig. 2, col. 3 lines 57-60);
- b. Receiving one or more user inputs specifying the plurality of network objects (abstract; fig. 3, lines 20-25); and
- c. Receiving a value from the user for the plurality of network objects (abstract; fig.3, lines 20-25).

Claims 5 and 16: Garvey discloses a method, system and software product of enabling a user to set a value for a plurality of network devices/objects as in claims 4 and 15 above and further discloses the steps of:

a. Displaying a first table to a user on the display including a plurality of rows and at least a first column (fig. 6, col. 3; lines 9-29).

b. Displaying a second table to the user on the display concurrently to displaying the first table, the second table including one or more columns, each column of the second table corresponding to a respective one of the columns of the first table (fig. 6,7, col. 3, lines 9-29); and

c. Receiving the value from the user for a column of the second table (fig. 7 col. 3, lines 9-29).

Claims 6 and 17: Garvey discloses a method, system and software product of enabling a user to set a value for a plurality of network devices/objects as in claim 5 and 16 above and further discloses the steps of:

a. Receiving user inputs that specify the plurality of rows (fig. 6; col. 5, lines 9-11); and

b. Setting the cell for the column equal to the received value (fig. 6,7, col. 5, lines 10-29).

Claims 7 and 18: Garvey discloses a method, system and software product of enabling a user to set a value for a plurality of network devices/objects as in claims 5 and 16 above and further discloses the steps of:

a. Defining the object device data type (fig. 4, col. 5, lines 1-8);

- b. Determining an editing control (fig. 6, col. 5, lines 9-14); and
- c. Providing the editing control on the display to enable the user to enter the value for the specified column (fig. 7, col. 5, lines 15-29).

Claims 8 and 19: Garvey discloses a method, system and software product of enabling a user to set a value for a plurality of network devices/objects as in claims 5 and 16 above and further discloses that the second table includes only a single row (fig. 7). The examiner sees that the table content position is off when the browser size changes in (fig. 7), since that the table columns are wider than the browser window in (fig. 7), therefore a browser window change would dynamically set the table columns in a single row form.

Claims 9 and 20: Garvey discloses a method, system and software product of enabling a user to set a value for a plurality of network devices/objects as in claims 5 and 16 above and further discloses the step of displaying a scroll bar on the display (fig. 6 and 7).

Claims 10 and 21: Garvey discloses a method, system and software product of enabling a user to set a value for a plurality of network devices/objects as in claims 9 and 20 above and further includes the steps of displaying the second table at a position on the display such that each column of the second table is vertically aligned on the display with its corresponding column of the first table (fig. 6 and 7). The examiner sees that the table content position is off when the browser size changes in (fig. 6 and 7), since that the table columns are wider than the browser window in (fig. 6 and 7)

therefore browser window changes would dynamically set the vertical alignment of the cell contents in (fig. 6 and 7).

Claims 11 and 22: Garvey discloses a method, system and software product of enabling a user to set a value for a plurality of network devices/objects as in claims 5 and 16 above and further includes the step of displaying the second table at a position on the display such that each column of the second table is vertically aligned on the display with its corresponding column of the first table. The examiner sees that the table content position is off when the browser size changes in (fig. 6 and 7), since that the table columns are wider than the browser window in (fig. 6 and 7) therefore browser window changes would dynamically set the vertical alignment of the cell contents in (fig. 6 and 7).

### ***Conclusion***

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to the applicant's disclosure.

Proulx et al (20030137532) discloses a system for IP link management.

Singhai et al (US 7085830) discloses a system and method for managing inconsistencies between a network management system and network elements.

Aoyagi et al discloses a method of automatically recognizing network configuration including intelligent packet relay equipment, method of displaying network configuration chart, and system thereof.

Black et al discloses a template-driven management of

telecommunications network via utilizations of operations support services clients.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Exr. Abdou Seye whose telephone number is (571) 270-1062. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, contact the examiner's supervisor, William Thomson at (571) 272-3718. The fax phone number for formal or official faxes to Technology Center 3600 is (571) 273-8300. Draft or informal faxes, which will not be entered in the application, may be submitted directly to the examiner at (571) 273-6722.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group Receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-3600.

  
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